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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 161

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

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April 19, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to California Nurses Week 2010.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 161, as amended, Bonnie Lowenthal. California Nurses Week 2010.

This measure would proclaim May 9 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The registered nurses of the California Nurses
2 Association, United Nurses of America, Nurse Alliance of
3 California, *United Nurses Association of California*, National
4 Nurses United, and other nursing organizations are committed
5 advocates for each and every patient; and

6 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association was founded
7 in 1903, as the first organization to represent nurses in California;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Over the past 107 years, California nurses have
10 achieved lifesaving gains in patient care and patient safety
11 conditions for all Californians through sponsored legislation, public
12 regulation, and collective action in patient care settings; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association has played an
14 instrumental role in the creation of National Nurses United in 2009,
15 bringing together 150,000 nurses from every state to promote
16 patient advocacy across the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, California nurses have displayed great humanitarian
18 spirit with their efforts to help care for the patients and nurses of
19 Haiti in the aftermath of that nation's devastating earthquake; and

20 WHEREAS, California nurses worked for many years to achieve
21 the nation's first safe registered nurse-to-patient ratio law that
22 studies have documented to reduce patient mortality in California
23 hospitals and help mitigate the nursing shortage; and

24 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association, United Nurses
25 of America, Nurse Alliance of California, *United Nurses*
26 *Association of California*, National Nurses United, and other
27 nursing organizations provide a powerful and effective collective
28 voice for registered nurses; and

29 WHEREAS, The safe, high-quality health care services provided
30 by registered nurses somehow touch the lives of every single person
31 in California; and

32 WHEREAS, Nationally, May 6 through 12 is recognized as
33 National Nurses Week 2010, and nurses working in all areas of
34 health care in California will commemorate May 9 through 15 as
35 California Nurses Week 2010, in celebration of all nurses working
36 throughout California's health care system to provide safe,
37 high-quality patient care and patient services; now, therefore, be
38 it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May 9

1 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010, in recognition of the
2 many contributions that all nurses have made to improve the health
3 and safety of all Californians and to express deep appreciation to
4 all of the state's nurses during that week and throughout the years
5 to come; and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Legislature asks all Californians to join in
7 honoring all nurses who provide the highest quality health care
8 services to the public; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.